

REGION 6 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

TOPIC: Lane Plating Works Inc. Superfund Site

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PURPOSE/ACTION NEEDED: Hot Issues Background for RA Idsal Site Tour

DEADLINE DATE: N/A

BACKGROUND:

The Lane Plating Works, Inc. site is a former electroplating facility located at 5322 Bonnie View Road, approximately five miles south of downtown Dallas, in Dallas County, Texas. The site was in operation for more than 90 years. Due to violations, investigations and bankruptcy filing, the facility shut down and the state referred the site to the EPA for Superfund action. Large volumes of liquid plating wastes were left at the site following closure. In December 2015, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) removed cyanide waste and secured chromic acid sludge. In November 2016, the EPA removed the remaining solid and liquid hazardous wastes. The site was added to the National Priority List (NPL) on May 17, 2018.

CURRENT STATUS:

- EPA hosted a community meeting on November 12, 2018. The meeting was widely attended by community members, environmental groups, and local elected officials.
- EPA conducted environmental sampling in spring 2019 to locate areas where contamination may have migrated off-site. EPA plans to test soil, surface water runoff, and groundwater. EPA will share this information with the community by late 2019.
- EPA attended a city-organized community meeting on March 7, 2019, for a short presentation. The presentation focused on known contamination at the site, and possible migration of contamination to the surrounding area. EPA assured citizens that drinking water provided by the city is safe. EPA also provide information about planned sampling and the Superfund process moving forward. The meeting was held due to concern about inaccurate information disseminated by outside environmental and community groups.
- EPA Region 6 was awarded funding from the Headquarters Office of Conflict Resolution, which includes a third-party facilitator to assist in establishing a Community Advisory Group for the site.
- EPA is working with state and local government to establish a Community Advisory Group and will host a series of three community meetings to show transparency through the CAG selection process.
- Once the CAG is selected, the group will inform the draft of a site Community Involvement Plan.

ENVIRONMENTAL/PUBLIC HEALTH CONCERNS:

REGULATORY/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS:

- The most likely path for migration of contamination from the site is surface water runoff to the two creeks east and southeast of the site. EPA will evaluate the impact of surface water runoff and document the extent of any potential releases from the Lane Plating site.
- EPA will investigate the possible contamination of groundwater near the site.
- If a cleanup action is necessary, EPA will evaluate several response options and present these options to the community for comment.

COMMUNITY CONCERNS:

- The community is concerned about drinking water and any future releases from the site. EPA continues to assure the public that Dallas city drinking water is safe, and EPA will assess and act to prevent exposure from potential contamination in the future.

